

The background image is a landscape photograph of a bay or wetland area. In the foreground and middle ground, there are several islands or peninsulas covered in dense, green marsh vegetation, likely grasses or sedges, partially submerged in shallow water. The water is a calm, greyish-blue color. In the far background, a range of mountains is visible under a clear, pale blue sky. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

EPA Review of the BDCP

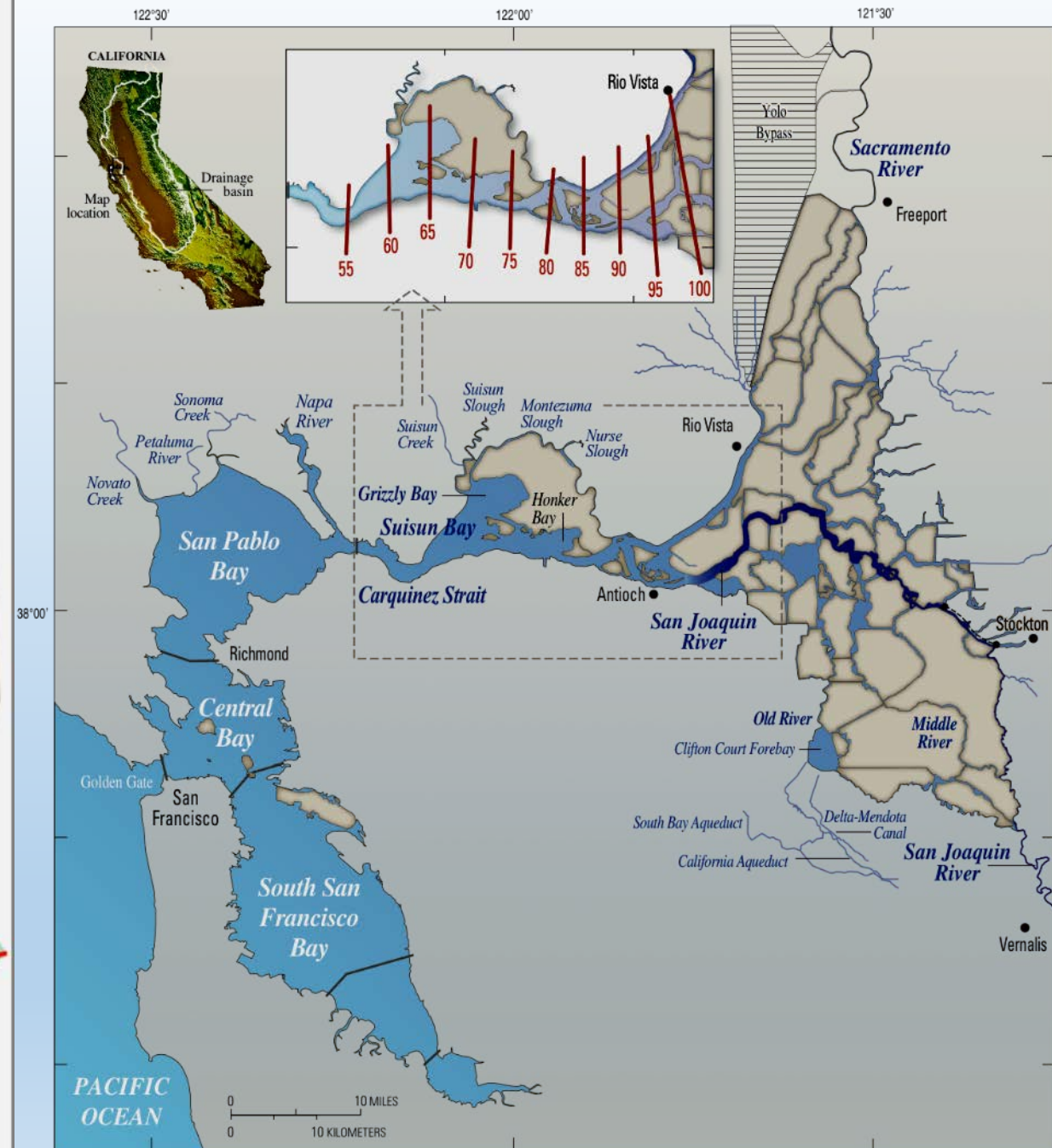
BDCP

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

Outline

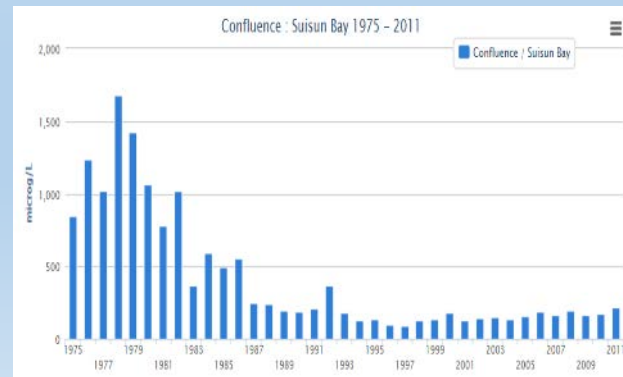
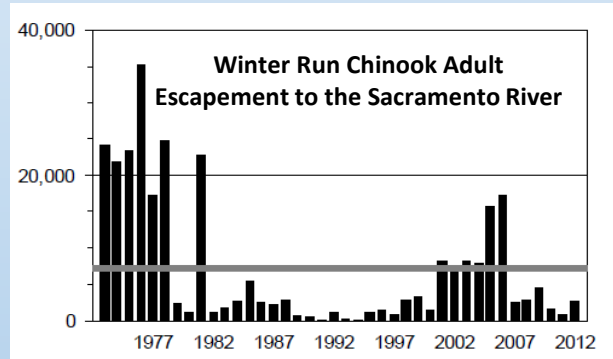
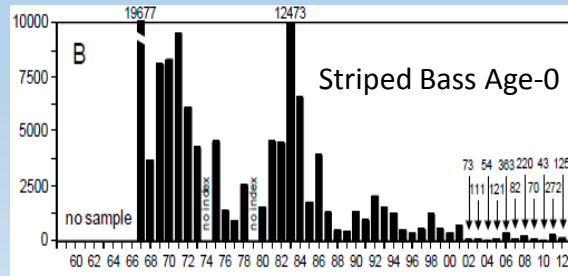
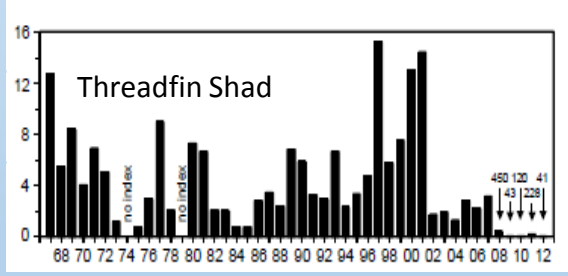
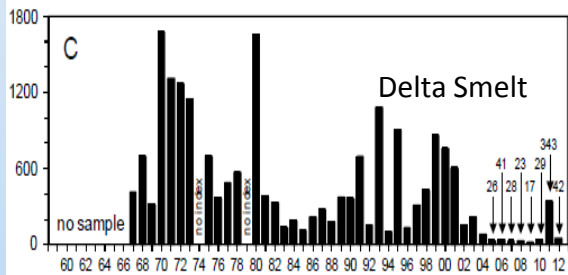
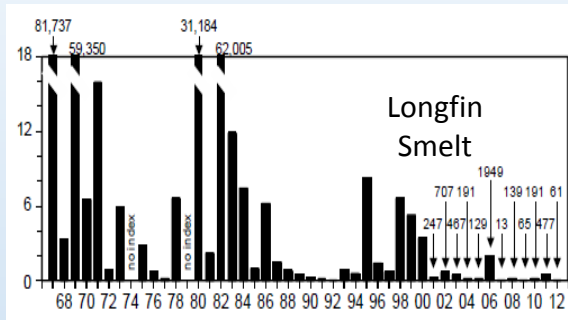
- I. Where is the Bay Delta and why is it unique?
- II. Why is the BDCP Being Proposed?
- III. What is the BDCP and what is the New Direction?
- IV. What is EPA's Involvement in the BDCP?

California and the Bay Delta

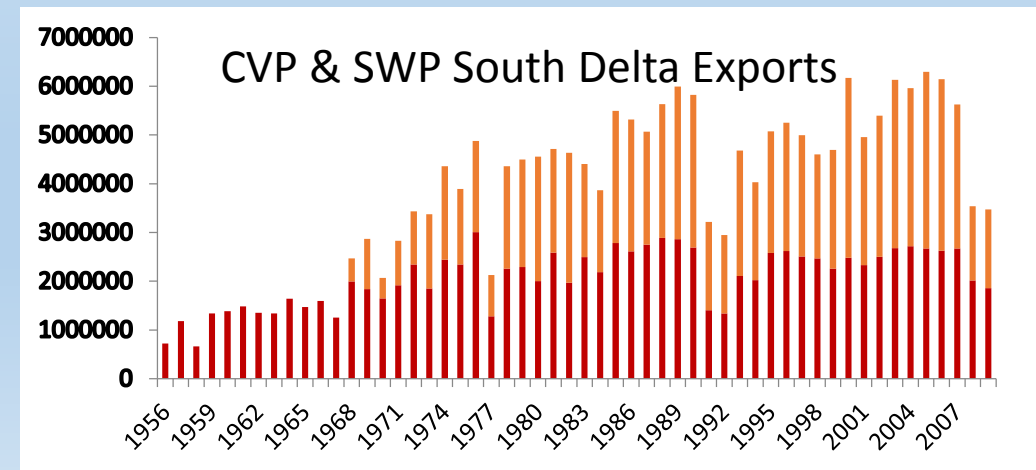
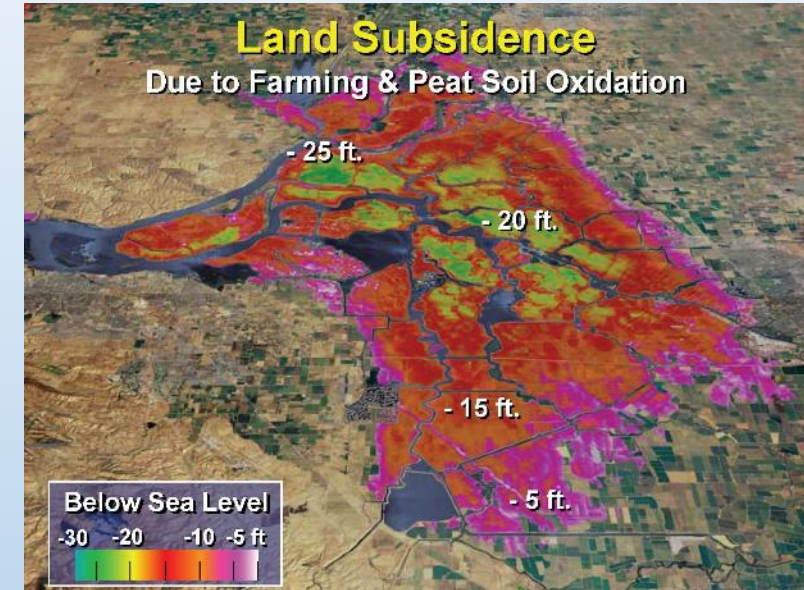


Why BDCP?

Fisheries Collapsing



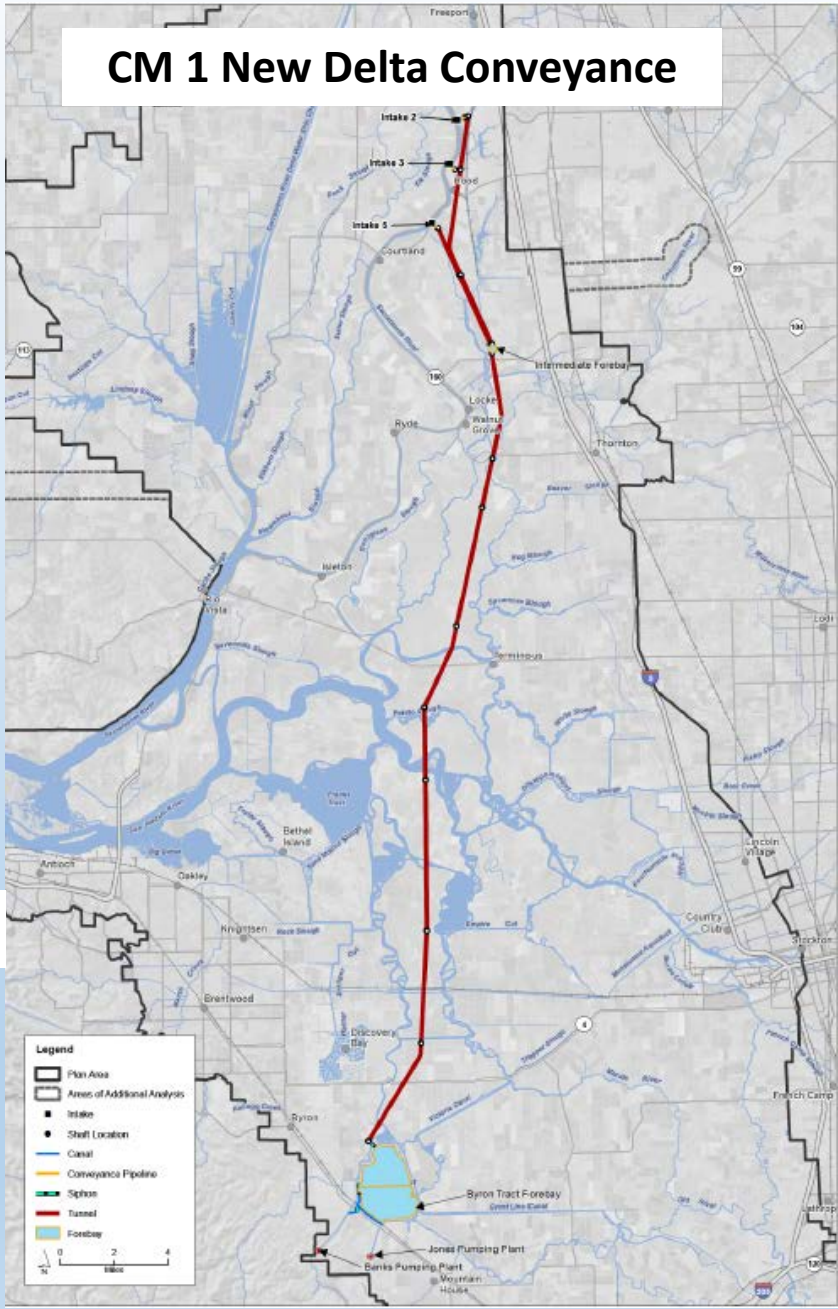
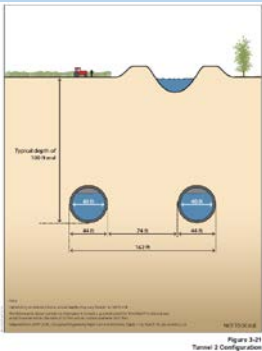
Water Supply Reliability



What is the BDCP?

Old BDCP	New WaterFix
Lead agency: US Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service	Lead Agency: Bureau of Reclamation
Habitat Conservation Plan- Section 10 ESA Compliance- 50 year assurance	Tunnel-only build plan- Section 7 ESA Compliance- on-going action w/ triggers to reinitiate consultation
3 intakes, 2 40-foot diameter 35 mile long tunnels	3 intakes, 2 40-foot diameter 35 mile long tunnels
22 conservation measures incl. 65K acres restoration and others	30K acres restoration pursued separately by the State of California
Army Corps 404/408 permits- pursued after the NEPA process	Army Corps 404/408 permits- currently being pursued

“Twin Tunnels”



EPA's DEIS Rating System

Environmental Impact of the Action

- Lack of Objections
- Environmental Concerns
- Environmental Objections
- Environmentally Unsatisfactory

Adequacy of the Draft EIS

- I – Adequate
- II – Insufficient Information
- III – Inadequate

EPA August 2013 NEPA Letter Summary

- **Increases in violations of WQS & changing of compliance pt**
- **Reduced protection for aquatic life compared to a declining baseline**
- Information does not support project-level decision-making
- Assumes 100% restoration success
- Scope of impact analysis is limited
- Alternatives not compared
- Alternatives not comparably analyzed

Upcoming Events Timeline

- **June 2 2015-** EPA reviewing Administrative Draft EIS for 2 wks
- **June 12 2015-** Reclamation to publish NOI
- **July 10 2015-** BOR and DWR publish SDEIS/RDEIR with 45 day minimum public review period and Corps to publish Public Notice
- **September 2015-** EPA comments and rating due to BOR
- **February 2016:** Anticipated Supplemental Final EIS to be released for public review.
- **Summer 2016:** Anticipated issuance of Biological Opinion by NMFS and FWS.
- **TBD:** Corps to issue CWA 404 and 408 permits.